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MAGNETIC TRANSDUCER, THIN FILM MAGNETIC HEAD, METHOD OF

MANUFACTURING MAGNETIC TRANSDUCER AND METHOD OF

MANUFACTURING THIN FILM MAGNETIC HEAD

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination and in addition to the December 9, 2002 Preliminary Amendment filed in response to the November 8, 2002 Restriction/Election Requirement, please supplementally amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 35-46 and 48-50 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend claims 28, 34 and 47 as follows:

(Amended) A magnetic transducer, comprising:

a nonmagnetic layer having a pair of surfaces opposing each other;

a soft magnetic layer formed on one surface of the nonmagnetic layer;

a ferromagnetic layer formed on the other surface of the nonmagnetic layer;

an antiferromagnetic layer formed on the ferromagnetic layer on the side

opposite to the nonmagnetic layer;